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SUMMARY: IN PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION REFTEL, FONOFF INDICATED THAT GOJ PARTICIPATION IN CONCERTED RESPONSE TO CERDS AND NIEO WOULD DEPEND GREATLY ON THE NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES WILLING TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE EFFORT AND, HENCE, ON THE FLEXIBILITY OF THE REFTEL FORMULATION IN ACCOMODATING VIEWS OF THOSE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WHICH ARE MODIFYING THEIR EARLIER POSITIONS OF THESE ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

1. ON JUNE 16 EMBOFFS DELIVERED AIDE-MEMOIRE AND MADE PRESENTATION IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL TO OHTA (DIRECTOR) AND NANA O (DEPUTY DIRECTOR), ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIV., UN BUREAU, FONOFF. BOTH WELCOMED PROSPECT OF CLOSER COORDINATION AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES IN PROTECTING SUBSTANCE OF THEIR POSITIONS ON NIEO AND CERDS AND AGREED WITH REFTEL CONCLUSION THAT DISPROPORTIONATE EFFORT PRESENTLY BEING SPENT ON CONFRONTATIONS OVER PERIPHERAL REFERENCES TO THESE DOCUMENTS. OHTA EXPRESSED PREFERENCE FOR DISCUSSING THESE MATTERS IN GENEVA, WHERE DISTINCT "GROUP B" CONSULTATIVE STRUCTURE EXISTS, RATHER THAN IN NEW YORK OR OECD (OECD DELEGATES HE BELIEVES ARE POORLY PREPARED ON UN ISSUES AND PROCEDURAL INTRICACIES).

2. OHTA SAID HE THOUGHT PERSONALLY THAT APPROACH TO NIEO AND CERDS OUTLINED REFTEL WOULD HAVE GREAT APPEAL TO GOJ IF CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WERE TO SUBSCRIBE TO IT. HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME COUNTRIES WERE MODIFYING THEIR EARLIER POSITIONS ON NIEO AND CERDS AND THAT THIS SITUATION MIGHT POSE DIFFICULTIES IN ACHIEVING A HIGH DEGREE OF UNIFORMITY IN DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES. (HE SPECIFICALLY CITED THE NETHERLANDS' AND FRANCE'S VOTES IN FAVOR OF THE UNIDO-II "LIMA DECLARATION," WHICH HE VIEWS AS MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RADICAL THAN NIEO OR CERDS.) WITH SUCH COUNTRIES THERE WOULD ALSO BE A PROBLEM, HE OBSERVED, IN DRAFTING JOINT STATEMENTS REFERRING TO THEIR ORIGINAL VOTES OR RESERVATIONS ON NIEO OR CERDS AS THEIR "BASIC POSITIONS." NANA O SAID HE THOUGHT A POLICY OF FIRST SEEKING SUPPORT AT PREPARATORY MEETINGS TO INCLUDE ON AGENDAS OF PLENARY SESSIONS ONLY THOSE ITEMS ON WHICH VERY BROAD AGREEMENT HAD BEEN

REACHED MIGHT OFFER A MORE POSITIVE FRONT-LINE APPROACH
TO THE ESSENTIAL PROBLEM OF THE LDC'S WANTING MORE
THAN THEY CAN GET. THE REFTEL PROPOSAL STRUCK HIM,
HE SAID, AS MORE A LAST RESORT THAN A CENTRAL STRATEGY.

3. IN CONCLUSION OHTA STATED THAT HE WOULD CONSULT
WITH EMBASSY AGAIN ON THIS MATTER WHEN GOJ HAD STUDIED
REFTEL PROPOSAL IN DETAIL.
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